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anti-trust law is often futile. Joining a trade association is dangerous. Even the now popular device of open competition is not above suspicion.

There would seem to be only one course for the business man to take after he has read this book. He should employ a lawyer who specializes in what is and what is not lawful competition. If, however, Mr. Montague knows no more about the true course to steer than he reveals in his book, there is no reason why the business man should employ him. If Mr. Montague knows more than he has revealed, then the Bar Association might well take up the question of the propriety of conduct of a lawyer-author who seeks only to produce panic when he could give light.

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*The Man in Court.* By FREDERICK DEWITT WELLS. (New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 1917.)

This book initiates the layman into the mysteries of every day (and night) court procedure; admonishes the reformer to blame the law, not its officers; and heartily amuses the trial lawyer. The court, judge, jury, lawyer, witness and client are each depicted as they actually reveal themselves in their wholly human qualities. Nobody is spared, yet no one is treated unkindly. Not so, however, the technique of the law; that, it seems, is "antiquated;" and "looking backward" from the year 1947 we find that "judicial corporations" have swept away the old courts and senseless procedure, and have specialized everything into departments of mid-paradisian efficiency. Judges, lawyers and physicians have merged into "men of business."

To the quasi-trial lawyer, the book's most laugh-fetching paragraph is perhaps that which, in dealing with "eloquence" to the jury, reads: "The client watches the (his) lawyer with affectionate admiration. True, he (the lawyer) did not do exactly as he was wanted during the trial. He should have asked those questions he (the client) suggested, but now he is doing splendidly. . . . With such a good talker the jury cannot fail of being convinced."

The author unobtrusively reveals intimate experience with human beings, depth of psychological insight, broad sympathy, healthful humor; a desire for, a belief in, and a capability of bringing nearer, better things to come.

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